

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2005, in which claims 1-20 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 3-5, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 18 are amended and new claim 21 is added. Claims 1-21 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

In the Office Action, the Drawings and Specification were objected to because of use of registered trademarks of other parties. The Specification has been amended to address these objections. In the case of XML, Internet Explorer, Netscape, and Netscape Navigator, registrations of those trademarks have been acknowledged.

In the case of "AVM," the Specification at page 6, lines 15-17 indicates that "AVM" is an acronym for Application Virtual Machine. The reference to "AVM" in the Drawings and in the Specification is not to any product of AVM GmbH, but rather to "Application Virtual Machine". The Specification has been amended to clarify that AVM is not referring to a trademark of another party.

Claims 1-5 and 8-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rice, III (U.S. Publication No. US 2002/0174010). In addition, claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Rice in view of Lloyd (U.S. Patent No. 6,779,178).

The present invention is a system and method for deploying applications (or computer programs) over a network to an Internet-enabled device (or client device) in such a way that the application runs on the Internet-enabled device, rather than on the server. Because the application runs on the Internet-enabled device rather than the server, the application can run, and the user can interact with that application regardless of whether the Internet-enabled device remains connected to the server.

Rice does not distribute applications to client (or Internet-enabled) devices. Instead, it distributes a program that allows a user to run applications on a server and view them with a thin client screen painter. Unlike the present invention, Rice does not allow an application to run independent of the server. Rice must remain connected to the server, because the application only runs on the server, not on the client device.

With this Amendment, independent claims 1, 8, and 16 have been amended to emphasize that an assembler (claims 1 and 8) or software module (claim 16) is stored and run on the Internet-enabled (or client) device. The assembler (or software module) extracts program logic from files received from the server, builds an application (or program), and then runs the application (or program) on the Internet-enabled (or client) device. This is different than Rice, in which server runs the application or program, not the client device. As amended, independent claims 1, 8, and 16, and dependent claims 2-7, 9-15, and 17-21 are neither taught nor suggested by Rice.

Lloyd does not supply the disclosure which is missing from Rice. It does not teach running an assembler on an Internet-enabled device to retrieve program logic from files received from the server, assembling the logic into an application, and then running that application on the device.

With this Amendment, claims 1-21 are now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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